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1. Three independent groups of Ustashi in Argentina are attempting to unite to form an organization to be called Ujedinjeni Hrvati (United Croats). The first group, which still recognizes Ante Pavelic as its leader, is headed by Ivica Frkovic, Vjekoslav Vrancic, and Jazo Dumanic. The second group, which believes that Pavelic can no longer be considered its national leader, is represented by Ivan Orsanic and Daniel Crljen. The third group, calling itself the "Third Force", is headed by Eduard (Edo) Bulat and Ivo Bogdan.
2. Representation in the new organization will correspond to the numerical strength of each participating group; the strongest group will name the president. It has not been decided whether a known Pavelic collaborator or a less prominent individual should serve as president.
3. If constituted, the group will represent the Croat immigrants in Argentina before the Argentine government, and will attempt to maintain relations with diplomatic representatives of the Western powers.
4. A group of Serbian immigrants are attempting to form an organization in Argentina called Srpska Narodna Odbrana (Serbian National Defense). ^{25X1A} Comment. This group, which also exists in the United States and Canada, is closely linked with Konstantin Fotic, former Yugoslav Ambassador to Washington.) Charged with the formation of this organization are Dr. Spiro Zelatic, former Charge d'Affaires of the Yugoslav Royal Embassy in Rio de Janeiro, and Gjorgje Soc, a Serb from Montenegro. Opposing this group is Filip M. Dominikovic, former Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires in Argentina.
5. The proposed Serb organization planned to hold its first meeting on 19 September but was refused permission to do so by the Federal Police on the grounds that Communist Byelorussians were holding a meeting at the Jugoslovenski Dom in Dock Sud on the same day. It was decided by the organizers to constitute the organization at a later date. ^{25X1A} Comment. A similar instance recently occurred when the Ustasha society Hrvatski Domobran was refused permission by the Federal Police to hold a series of public meetings. The meetings, which were to be held primarily in the Dock Sud area of Buenos Aires, were intended to be anti-Communist and hinged on the conflict between the pro-Tito and pro-Cominform groups of Croat immigrants.)

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